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FOR: DRUG FOR ALLEVIATING MIGRAINE

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims to the application.

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--14. (New) The drug claimed in claim 1, wherein the external migraine-alleviating drug for a local application is in an ointment prepared by mixing 1-methanol and an essential oil as active ingredients into a base containing a hydrophilic high-molecular weight compound, a polyhydric alcohol and water.

15. (New) The ointment claimed in claim 15, wherein the essential oil is at least one essential oil selected from the group